



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Mark Howard		X
Sol Weiner (Vice-Chair)	X	
Doris Maez	X	
Eric Wood	X	

Staff in Attendance:

Steve Davis, Public Works Department
Frans Lind, Public Works Department
Matt Campi, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 14

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Found the agenda satisfactory.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Doris Maez requested a correction to the section of the minutes on Page 2, Section 5A, to state “she referred to taco trucks parking along El Camino Real north of the Kaiser driveway” instead of south of the intersection. Doris Maez also referenced the words “sight” and “site” should be used in proper context, such as “clear sight” and “site conditions”. Frans Lind also requested correction on page 4, second to last paragraph, change MTC should be changed to MUTCD, referring to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Changes noted. Motion to approve the October 2007 minutes was made by Sol Weiner, second by Eric Wood (M/Weiner, S/Wood: 3-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. TSPC Vacancy Report

Staff reviewed the report outline for recruitment of a new Committee member to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of John Giuseponi.

Motion to approve as noted above was made by Doris Maez, second by Eric Wood (M/Maez, S/ Wood: 3-0-0) Approved.

B. Consideration of New Red Curb, No Parking Zone along Huntington Avenue at Euclid Avenue Intersection – Continued from October 3, 2007 Meeting

Doris Maez suggested a “no left turn” from Euclid onto Huntington. Eric Wood favored “no left turn” and was concerned about traffic seeking a short cut through the neighborhood. Sol Weiner favored a further staff study of the proposed “no left turn” for Euclid onto Huntington.

Eric Wood made a motion to move forward with the staff recommendation and requested that staff look into a “no left turn” from Euclid onto Huntington. Doris Maez seconded the motion. (M/Wood, S/ Maez: 3-0-0) Approved.

C. Consideration of New Red Curb, No Parking Zone along San Bruno Avenue at Mills Avenue

Doris Maez stated she was reluctant to delete parking along the San Bruno Avenue parking curb proposed for red curb. This is available for daytime loading and limited daylight parking. This parking strip is not always occupied. She visited Hanlon’s Tire Shop and stated she could enter the shop from San Bruno Avenue and exit on Mills Avenue.

Frans Lind stated that 1.5 San Bruno Avenue, curbside parking spaces near Mills Avenue could be eliminated. Steve Davis stated that he would like to provide the best parking fit for business and public use. Sol Weiner stated that the committee has an obligation to businesses and to the whole City as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Wawona Perry, Mills Avenue, stated that the subject San Bruno Avenue curb used to be red, but years ago the red curb was reconstructed and never repainted red. Everyone she talked to had either seen an accident at the Mills Avenue-San Bruno Avenue intersection or has been in one. She had talked to 16 neighbors who were concerned about the intersection. Curbs were recently devoid of parked cars for the first time. Foliage on the right side of the intersection had been cut to improve safety, but it is still hard to see traffic on the left where the curb used to be red. The one-hour parking sign gets knocked down often.

Helen Dressler, 748 Mills, stated that when she moved in the San Bruno Avenue curb was red along the tire shop from Mills Avenue to the in driveway. The one-hour sign gets knocked down. Doris Maez asked how many years ago the red curb was removed? Someone in the audience estimated the red curb removal to be about 20 years ago.

Leonid Esconell, resident, knows Mills Avenue and has not seen any accidents.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Sol Weiner asked Frans Lind to have the downed one-hour parking sign repaired. Frans wrote a work order for the sign reinstallation on November 21, 2007.

Sol Weiner made the recommendation to make parking spaces 1 and 2, shown on the attached plan, between Mills and the “in” driveway red, no parking zones, and open the third space immediately west of the “in” driveway open for parking. This third space will help businesses. Staff should return in one

year with the past year's accident report information. Doris Maez seconded the motion. (M/Weiner, S/Maez: 2-1-0) Approved.

D. Consideration of Sight Distance Safety Improvements Along Crestmoor Drive at Piedmont Avenue and at London Court

Committee member Eric Wood stated he thought the red curbing is excessive. The hill is more of a problem. We can relocate the drop box to the opposite side of the street.

Sol Weiner stated the sight lines are a problem. Doris Maez stated there is limited sight distance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Gloria Garech, 100 London Court, stated there needs to be an arterial STOP at the location. One accident occurred where a car went onto her lawn. Cars need to be slowed down that come up Crestmoor hill. The City should consider a STOP on Crestmoor.

Bill Mullen, 121 London Court, stated when drivers come up the hill and miss seeing only the top of the car that is visible could be problem. Distance along Crestmoor is 1.6 miles; the more STOP signs put in the better. It would be good to put an extra STOP on Crestmoor. People used to park on the curve on Crestmoor, which makes it hard to see. A red curb should be put in, but not 95 feet of it as proposed.

Anne Marie Peponis, 160 Piedmont Drive, stated drivers cannot see when there are cars parked on the corner of the intersection. No visibility problem with the drop in mailbox. Trucks park curbside during the day, making it hard to see.

Leon Ascobil, resident, stated drivers cannot see when they come and go.

George Peponis, 110 London Court, stated the City should put a STOP on the south side of Crestmoor Drive that will allow safe left turns to southbound Crestmoor and slow the Crestmoor traffic. He asked about speed bumps, since STOP signs will not stop speeders.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Eric Wood stated he would abstain from voting; Steve Davis commented there is still a quorum so the Committee can still vote on the issue.

Doris Maez agreed there should be a STOP sign on London Court and red curbing on the curb return. She felt the extra red curbing was not really needed. She wanted to approve STOP signs at London Court and at Crestmoor Drive, so there would be STOP signs in both directions. This would be a three-way STOP. She recommends 40 feet of red curbing at the north leg of Piedmont and Crestmoor Drive and 40 feet of red curbing at the grade of Crestmoor Drive. South at London Court on the north side, 40 feet of red curbing as well as 40 feet on the south side. This cuts the staff recommendation in half and saves parking in the area.

Sol Weiner seconded Doris Maez's motion. Frans confirmed the motion of 40 feet of red curbing on both intersections of Piedmont and London Court at the intersection of Crestmoor Drive, on both the right and left side of both Piedmont and London. Two STOP signs located on Crestmoor at London Court, to stop Crestmoor traffic, as well as a STOP sign on London Court. This would be a three way STOP.

(M/Maez, S/Weiner, Abstain, Wood: 2-0-1) Approved.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- A. Doris Maez stated the Bike and Pedestrian Committee sponsored a bike rodeo at Rollingwood School on October 20th that was a big success.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Doris Maez stated the first house on Piedmont has a fire plug in their front yard with no red curb there. Frans Lind stated a red curb is not required, but cars are not supposed to park within 15 feet of a hydrant. Doris asked if this could be painted red. Steve Davis responded that staff could look at it.

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Steve Davis commented that the January 2008 meeting is scheduled for January 2, so he requested that Committee members look at their calendar. For the December meeting, staff will be presenting a calendar of meetings for the year so the Committee can review any possible conflicts.

Steve Davis also commented that City staff is in the process of presenting a grant application for the Safe Routes to School. This would request funding for lighted crosswalks in proximity to elementary schools.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on December 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

(M/Wood, S/Maez): 3-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 9 pm.